Schemes for destitute and neglected children

†4138. SHRI MOTILALVORA:
MS. SUSHILATIRIYA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is running many schemes for destitute and neglected children;

(b) if so, the details of those schemes;

(c) whether Government is going to consider to introduce these schemes in all the districts of the country; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing following Schemes for destitute and neglected children:—

(i) A Programme for Juvenile Justice;

(ii) An Integrated Programme for Street Children; and

(iii) Scheme for Assistance to Homes (Shishu Greh) to Promote In-country Adoption.

(c) and (d) The Ministry has formulated a new centrally sponsored scheme namely Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) by incorporating the elements of the aforesaid schemes for implementation throughout the country during the XI Plan period.

Women trafficking from NER

4139. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is still no end to women trafficking in the North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, what is the extent of this menace; and

(c) what is the short-term and long-term action plan of Government to combat this menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) There are reports about incidents of trafficking of women in the North Eastern Region. The Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 (ITPA) supplemented by the Indian Penal Code prohibits trafficking in human beings including children for purpose of prostitution and lays down severe penalties for traffickers. The ITPA is now being further amended providing for more stringent punishment for trafficking in persons including children. The Ministry of Women and Child Development conducts advocacy, awareness generation and sensitization programmes for prevention of child trafficking. The Central Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Women and Child Development on combating Child Prostitution quarterly reviews the State's activities in combating trafficking and prostitutions. The Ministry of Women and Child Development

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is also implementing the scheme of Ujjawala wherein rehabilitation of victims of trafficking is provided through shelter, food, clothing, counselling, medical and legal aid and vocational training. In additions, the Ministry also runs Swadhar Shelter Homes, Which is a Scheme for women in difficult circumstances which includes victims of trafficking.

Private partnership in ICDS

4140. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Trade Unions have opposed this Ministry's reported move to introduce private partnership in the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS);

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard;

(c) whether any new strategies have been formulated by Government to ensure implementation of ICDS in an effective way, across the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) One of the Trade Unions has opposed the proposed Public Private Partnership in the implementation of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme. However, the proposed intervention is to facilitate improvement in service delivery which would benefit children and women accessing services under the Scheme.

(c) and (d) The new strategies are being formulated.

Children in orphanages

†4141. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of girls living in orphanages is more than the boys;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken steps to provide education, health facilities and due care to the children living in orphanages; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c) Rule 29 of the Model Rules 2007 framed under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 and its amendment Act, 2006 provides for setting up of Children's Homes. Chapter VI of the said Rules which provides for standards of Care for Institutions specifies physical infrastructure of homes like separate facilities according to age group of children, standards of accommodation, adequate lighting, ventilation, drinking water, toilets and other facilities like clothing, bedding, nutrition, medical facilities, education,

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